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The Seder—A Foreword

Among the ceremonials which nurtured the Jewish idealism of generations, a place of peculiar charm is held by the SEDER, celebrated on the Passover Eve, and repeated on the following night by those who observe the second days of festivals. Literally, the name means THE ORDER of the service. The ritual provided for the service is known as the HAGGADAH, that is, THE NARRATIVE of the Passover. The ceremony grows out of the several injunctions in the Pentateuch for the Israelite to RELATE to his children the story of the Exodus from Egypt, and to explain to them the meaning of the rites and symbols connected with the celebration of the Passover.

In the Seder are blended, in happy combination, the influences which have contributed so much toward inspiring our people, though scattered throughout the world, with a genuine feeling of kinship. Year after year, the Seder has thrilled them with an appreciation of the glories of their past, imbued them with an heroic power of endurance under the severest trials and persecutions, and quickened within them the enthusiasm of high ideals of freedom.

It has helped to forge "not easily dissoluble links" between the individual and the Jewish people. In his tribute to the poetic beauty of the Seder, Heinrich Heine expressed a sentiment, evidently founded on his personal experience: "It thrills the heart as though one heard the lilt of some sweet lullaby. Even those Jews who have fallen away from the faith of their fathers in the mad pursuit of other joys and other glories are moved to the very depths of their being when by chance they hear again the old Passover melodies once so dear to them.'



The Union Haggadah



HE MORAL and spiritual worth of the hallowed institution of the Seder, which has become a vital part of the Jewish consciousness, is priceless. We should suffer an irretrievable loss, were it allowed to pass into neglect. To avert such a danger, has been the anx-

ious thought to which the Union Haggadah owes its origin.

In "carrying on the chain of piety which links the generations to each other", it is necessary frankly to face and honestly to meet the needs of our own day. The old Haggadah, while full of poetic charm, contains passages and sentiments wholly out of harmony with the spirit of the present time. Hence the proper editing of the old material demanded much care and attention on the part of the editors of the first edition of the Union Haggadah. Benefiting by their labors, those entrusted with the task of its revision are able to present a work at once modern in spirit and rich in those traditional elements that lend color to the service.

The Seder service was never purely devotional. Its intensely spiritual tone mingled with bursts of good humor, its serious observations on Jewish life and destiny with comments in a lighter vein, and its lofty poetry with playful ditties for the entertainment of the



children. It assumes the form of an historical drama presented at the festal table, with the father and children as leading actors. The children question and the father answers. He explains the nature of the service, preaches, entertains, and prays. In the course of the evening, a complete philosophy of Jewish history is revealed, dealing with Israel's eventful past, with his deliverance from physical and from spiritual bondage, and with his great future world-mission. In its variety, the Haggadah reflects the moods of the Jewish spirit. Rabbinical homily follows dignified narrative, soulful prayers and Psalms mingle with the *Had Gadyo* and the madrigal of numbers, *Ehod Mi Yode'a*.

The assignment to the child of a prominent part in the Seder service is in consonance with the biblical ordinance: "And thou shalt tell thy son in that day" (Ex. XIII: 8). The visible symbols, the living word of instruction, and the ceremonial acts, are sure to stimulate religious feeling. Parent and child are thus brought into a union of warm religious sympathy, which is all the more indissoluble because strengthened by the ties of natural affection. Their souls are fired with the love of liberty, and their hearts are roused to greater loyalty to Israel and to Israel's God of Freedom.



SEDER DISH

Rites and Symbols of the Seder

THE SEDER service is marked with special concern for the children. A striking contrast is offered between the ceremonies of this service of the Passover Eve and the conduct of the usual meal, so that the child is sure to ask for an explanation, and thus to give the coveted opportunity to tell the story of Israel's deliverance, and to impress the lesson of faith in God, the Defender of right and the Deliverer of the oppressed. These symbols aim to put us in sympathy with our forefathers of the generation of the Exodus; to feel the trials of their embittered life of bondage and the joy of their subsequent triumph of freedom.

WINE As in all Jewish ceremonials of rejoicing, such as the welcoming of the Sabbath and the festivals, the solemnizing of marriages, and the naming of a child, so at the Seder, wine is used as a token of festivity. Mead, apple-cider, any fruit juice, or especially unfermented raisin wine, is commonly used at the Seder service.

THE FOUR CUPS. Each participant in the service is expected to drink four cups of wine. Even the poorest of the poor who subsist on charity were enjoined to provide themselves with wine for the four cups. This number is determined by the four divine promises of redemption made to Israel in Exodus VI: 6-7: V'hotzesi, V'hitzalti, V'goalti and V'lokahti, that is, bringing out of bondage, deliverance from servitude, redemption from all dependence in Egypt, and selection as "the people of the Lord". The first cup serves for Kiddush as on other holy days and on Sabbath; the second is taken at the conclusion of the first part of the Seder; the third follows the grace after the meal, and the last comes at the end of the second part of the Seder.

THE CUP OF ELIJAH. The fifth promise of God (V'hevesi) to bring Israel into Canaan, which follows the four promises of redemption, gave rise to the question of the need of a fifth cup of wine in the Seder. Popular belief left the decision of all mooted questions of law and ritual to the prophet Elijah, the central hero of Jewish legend. The popular mind believed this great champion of righteousness and of pure worship of God to be immortal, and viewed him as the coming forerunner of the Messiah, whose task it will be—among other things—to announce the good tidings of peace and salvation, to effect a union of hearts between parents and their children, to comfort the sorrowing, to raise the dead, and to establish the divine kingdom of righteousness on earth.

The fifth cup, the need of which was left to his decision, came to be known as the Cup of Elijah; and gave rise to the custom of opening the door during the Seder service, that the long expected messenger of the final redemption of mankind from all oppression might enter the home as a most welcome guest. Our fathers were thus helped, in times of darkness and persecution, to keep in mind the Messianic era of freedom, justice, and good-will. Stripped of its legendary form, it is still the hope for the realization of which Israel ever yearns and strives.

MATZO. The unleavened bread or the bread of affliction reminds us of the hardships that our fathers endured in Egypt, and of the haste with which they departed thence. Having no time to bake their bread, they had to rely for food upon sun-baked dough which they carried with them.

WATERCRESS OF PARSLEY. Either of these greens is suggestive of the customary oriental relish

and is used as a token of gratitude to God for the products of the earth. The purpose of dipping it in salt water or vinegar is to make it palatable.

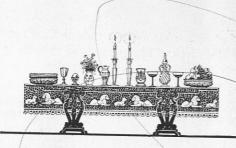
MOROR. The bitter herb—a piece of horseradish—represents the embittered life of the Israelites in Egypt.

HAROSES. This mixture of apples, blanched almonds, and raisins, finely chopped and flavored with cinnamon and wine, was probably originally a condiment. Owing to its appearance, it came to be regarded as representing the clay with which the Israelites made bricks, or the mortar used in the great structures erected by the bondmen of Egypt.

THE ROASTED SHANK-BONE is an emblem of the Paschal lamb.

THE EGG (roasted) is the symbol of the free-will burnt-offering brought on every day of the feast, during the existence of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Aphikomon is derived from the APHIKOMON. Greek, meaning AFTER-MEAL or DESSERT. The origin of this custom must be traced to the Paschal lamb which was eaten on Passover night. It was customary to reserve a small portion of the lamb to be eaten at the close of the meal. When sacrifices had ceased, a piece of the matzo was eaten instead. The Aphikomon, hidden early in the Seder, is left to the end of the meal, in order that the children may be kept alert during the entire service. In connection with this, a sort of game of paying forfeits originated. The head of the family good-naturedly takes no note of the spiriting away of the aphikomon by the children, who do not surrender it until the master of the house is forced to redeem it by some gift, in order that the meal may be concluded.



Directions for Setting the Table



N the table, in front of the person who conducts the service, place

A large platter containing Seder symbols:

a. Three matzos each of which is covered separately in the folds of a napkin or special cover. Two of them represent the "Lehem Mishneh — double portion" of the Sabbath and the holy days, and the third the "Lehem 'Oni — bread of affliction". These are also taken to represent the three religious divisions of Israel: the "Cohen" (priest), "Levi" (associate priest) and "Yisroel" (lay-Israelite).

- b. The roasted shank-bone (of a lamb).
- c. A roasted egg.

Also a piece of horseradish, a bit of haroses, and a spray of parsley.

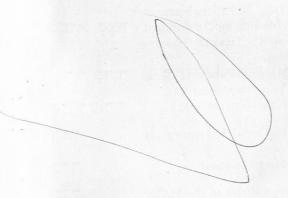
Besides these, there are placed on the table for the company:

- 1. A plate of bitter herbs (horseradish), cut into small pieces.
 - 2. A dish of haroses.
 - 3. Parsley or watercress.
 - 4. A dish of salt water.

5. A cup of wine is placed at each plate, and a large brimming goblet in the center of the table for the prophet Elijah.

The meal served during the Seder follows the form of a banquet of olden times. Hence the reference, in the Hebrew texts of the Four Questions, to the custom of reclining on the left side—a position assumed by free men. Preserving this custom, many households still provide a large cushioned armchair for the person conducting the Seder.

The table is usually spread with the best of the family's china and silverware, and adorned with flowers, in keeping with the festive spirit.

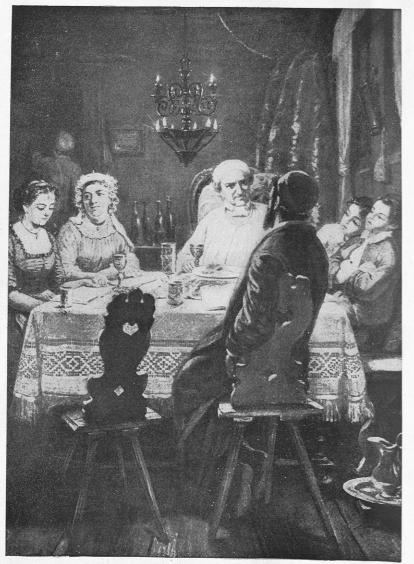


Order of the Service

קַרַשׁ	Recite the Kiddush (Sanctification of the festival).	1.
בַּרְפַּס	Partake of parsley dipped in salt water.	2.
יָבוץ	Break the middle Matzo, and hide one part to be eaten at the end of the meal as the Aphikomon.	3.
בַּנִיד	Tell the story of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.	4.
מוֹצִיא, מַצָּה	Recite the blessing before the meal, including the special blessing over Matzo.	5.
בּוֹרֵךְ, מֶרוֹר	Combine Matzo, Moror and Ḥaroses and eat them together.	6.
שְׁלְחָן עוֹרֵךְ	Partake of the festival meal.	7.
גָפוּו	Conclude the meal by eating the Aphikomon.	8.
چَر ٦	Say grace after the meal.	9.
הַלֵּל	Recite the remainder of the Hallel'	10.
נָרְצָה	End with a prayer for the acceptance of the service.	11.

The Seder Service

A. Before the Meal



SEDER EVE

ו. שקף

Lighting the Festival Lights

To symbolize the joy which the festival brings into the Jewish home, the mistress kindles the lights and recites the following blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה וְיָ אֱלֹחֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִוְנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גַר שֶׁל־(שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל)-יוֹם טוֹב.



ORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU ME-LECH HO'OLOM ASHER KIDD'SHONU B'-MITZVOSOV V'TZIVONU L'HADLIK NER SHEL (on Sabbath add: SHABBOS V'SHEL) YOM TOV.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ בּּרוּךְ הַעוֹלֵם. שָׁהֶחֶיֵנוּ וְקִיְמֵנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לַוְמַן הַזֶּה:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM SHEHEḤEYONU V'KIY'MONU V'HIGIONU LAZMAN HAZZEH.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and hast commanded us to kindle the (on Sabbath add: Sabbath and) festival lights.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season.

May our home be consecrated, O God, by the light of Thy countenance, shining upon us in blessing, and bringing us peace!

Company:

Amen.





Kiddush

On Sabbath eve begin here.

The master of the house lifts up the wine-cup and says:



ET US praise God and thank Him for all the blessings of the week that is gone; for life, health and strength; for home, love and friendship; for the discipline of our trials and temptations; for the happiness of our success and prosperity. Thou hast ennobled us,

O God, by the blessings of work, and in love and grace sanctified us by the blessings of rest, through the commandment, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto the Lord thy God".

On weeks days begin here.

With song and praise, and with the symbols of our feast, let us renew the memories of our past.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast chosen us from all peoples and exalted and sanctified us with Thy commandments. In love hast Thou given us, O Lord our God, solemn days of joy and festive seasons of gladness, even this day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a holy convocation unto us, a memorial of the departure from Egypt. Thou hast chosen us for Thy service and



קדוש

On Sabbath eve begin here.

וֹם הַשִּׁשִׁי: וַיְכְלוּ הַשָּׁמֵים וְהָאֶרֶץ וְכָל צְבָאָם: וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בִּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל-מְלַאכִתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:



וַיְבֶּרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לֵעֲשִּוֹת:

On week days begin here.

* בְּרוּךְ אַהָּה יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הֵעוֹלֵם. אֲשֶׁר בְּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל־עָם. וְרְוֹמֵמֶנוּ מִכָּל־לָשׁוֹן. וְקִּדְשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ. וַתִּתֶּן־לֵנוּ יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהַבָּה. וּשַּבְּתוֹת בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ. וַתִּתֶּן־לֵנוּ יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהַבָּה. וּשַּבְּתוֹת לְמְנוּחָה. חֹמְוֹעֲדִים לְשִׁמְחָה. חַנִּים וּוְמַנִּים לְשָׁשוֹן אֶת־יוֹם וֹהַשַּׁבָּת הַזָּה. וְאֶת־יוֹם חֵג הַמַּצוֹת הַזָּה. וְמֵן חַרוּתֵנוּ מִקְרָא לְּדָשׁ. זַכֶּר לִיצִיאָת מִצְרֵים: כִּי בֵנוּ בְחַרְתָּ. וְאֹתֵנוּ לִקְדְשׁׁתְ מִכְּל־הָעַמֶּים. וְשַׁבַּתוּ

^{*)} The Kiddush may be chanted to the music given on the following pages.

hast made us sharers in the blessings of Thy holy festivals. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who sanctifiest Israel and the festive seasons.

All read in unison:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM BORE P'RI HAGGOFEN.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, who hast created the fruit of the vine.

Drink the first cup of wine.

וֹמְוֹעֲדֵי קָדְשְׁךּ. וֹבְּאַהֲבֶה וּבְרָצוֹן. בְּשִּׁמְחָה וֹבְשָׁשוֹן הִנְחַלְתֵּנוּ: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ. מְקַדֵּשׁ וֹהַשַּׁבְּּת וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַוְּמַנִּים:

All read in unison:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הָעוֹלֵם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַנֶּפָו:

Drink the first cup of wine.













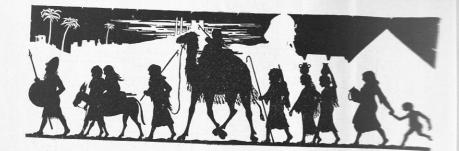




The Festive Cup







2. כַּרְפַס

Some parsley, lettuce or watercress is distributed to all present who dip it in salt water or in vinegar, and before partaking of it say in unison:

בּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הֵעוֹלֵם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַצֵּרָמֵה:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM BORE P'RI HO'ADOMO.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the earth.

יָחץ .3

The leader breaks the middle Matzo, leaving one half on the Seder-dish, and hiding the other half as the Aphikomon to be eaten at the end of the meal.



The Spring-tide of the Year Traditional Allegro con brio the spring-tide of the year! 1. Be - hold, it is 2. And in the spring, when all the earth and sky win - ter's gloom-y reign, O - ver and past is Re-joice to-geth-er, still from age to age hap - py time of sing-ing birds is near, Rings out the sol-emn chant of days gone by, And clad in bud and bloom are hill and plain. Pro - claim-ing Is - rael's sa - cred her - i _- tage.

- 3. For as from out the house of bondage went
 The host of Israel, in their midst they bore
 The heritage of law and freedom, blent
 In holy unity for evermore.
- 4. And still from rising unto setting sun
 Shall this our heritage and watchword be:
 "The Lord our God, the Lord our God is One;
 His law alone it is that makes us free!"



The leader lifts up the Matzos and says:

Lo! This is the bread of affliction which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in want come and celebrate the Passover with us. May it be God's will to redeem us from all trouble and from all servitude. Next year at this season, may the whole house of Israel be free!

The leader replaces the dish upon the table.

The Four Questions

The youngest person at the table asks:

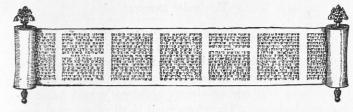


HY IS this night different from all other nights? On all other nights, we eat either leavened or unleavened bread. Why, on this night, do we eat only unleavened bread?

2. On all other nights, we eat all kinds of herbs. Why, on this night, do we eat especially bitter herbs?

3. On all other nights, we do not dip herbs in any condiment. Why, on this night, do we dip them in salt water and haroses?

4. On all other nights, we eat without special festivities. Why, on this night, do we hold this Seder service?



4. מניד

הָא לַחְמָא עַנְיָא דִי אֲבֶלוּ אֲבָהָתֵנָא בְּאַרְעָא דְמִצְרֵיִם. כָּל דְּכְפִּין יֵיתֵי וְיֵכֻל. כָּל־דְצְרִיךְ יֵיתֵי וְיִפְּסָח. יְהֵא רַעֲוֶא הֶדָם מָרַנָּא דִי בִשְּׁמֵיָּא. דִי יִפְּרָק יָתָנָא מִן־כָּל־עָקא. וְיֶהֲוֹא כָּל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּשַׁתָּא דְאַתְיָא בְנִי חוֹרִין:

The youngest person asks:

ה נִשְׁתַּנָה הַלֵּיְלָה הַנֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת. שֶׁנִּר אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֲנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצְה. הַלַּיְלָה הַנֶּה כְּלוֹ מַצְה: שֶׁבָּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֲנוּ אוֹכְלִין שָׁאַר



יָרְקוֹת. הַלֵּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹר: שֶּׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אַנוּ מַטְבִּילִין אֲפִּילוּ פַּעַם אֶחָת. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתִּי פְּעָמִים: שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֲנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵיו מְסָבִּין. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כְּלֵנוּ מְסְבִּין:

The leader answers:

We celebrate to-night because we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt, and the Lord our God delivered us with a mighty hand. Had not the Holy One, blessed be He, redeemed our fathers from Egypt, we, our children, and our children's children would have remained slaves. Therefore even if all of us were wise and well-versed in the Torah, it would still be our duty from year to year, to tell the story of the deliverance from Egypt. Indeed to dwell at length on it, is accounted praiseworthy.

The Four Sons

B

Y A fitting answer to the questions of each of the four types of the sons of Israel, does the Torah explain the meaning of this night's celebration.

The wise son eager to learn asks earnestly: "What mean the testimonies

and the statutes and the ordinances, which the Lord our God hath commanded us?" To him thou shalt say: "This service is held in order to worship the Lord our God, that it may be well with us all the days of our life".

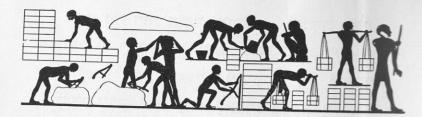
The wicked son inquires in a mocking spirit: "What mean YE by this service?" As he says YE and not WE, he excludes himself from the household of Israel. Therefore thou shouldst turn on him and say: "It is because of that which the Lord did for ME when I came forth out of Egypt". For ME and not for HIM, for had he been there, he would not have been found worthy of being redeemed.

עֲבָדִים הָיִינוּ לְפַּרְעָה בְּמִצְרֵיִם. וַיִּוֹצִיאֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִשְּׁם בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבִזְרוֹעַ נְטוּיָה. וְאָלוּ לֹא הוֹצִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הַוֹּא אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמְּצְרֵיִם הַרֵי אֵנוּ וּבָנֵינוּ וּבְנֵי בָנֵינוּ מְשְׁעְבָּדִים הָיְינוּ לְפַּרְעֹה בְּמִצְרֵיִם. וַאֲפִילוּ כְּלֵנוּ חֲכָמִים. כְּלֵנוּ נְבוֹנִים. כְּלֵנוּ וְקַנִים. כְּלֵנוּ יוֹדְעִים אֶת־ הַתּוֹרָה. מִצְנָה עָלֵינוּ לְסַפֵּר בִּיְצִיאָת מִצְרֵיִם הַרִי זֶה מְשָׁבָּח: וְכָל הַמַּרְבָּה לְסַפֵּר בִּיְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם הַרֵי זֶה מְשָׁבָּח:

ֶנֶגֶד אַרְבָּעָה בָנִים דִּבְּּרָה תוֹרָה. אֶחָד חָכָם. וְאֶחָד רָשָׁע. וְאֶחָד תָּם. וְאֶחָד שֵׁאֵינְוֹ יוֹדְעַ לִשְׁאֹל:

חָכָם מָה הוא אֹמֵר. מָה הַּעִּדְת וְהַחֶּקִים וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר צִנְה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אוֹתֵנוּ: וְאַף אַתָּה אֱמָר־לוֹ. לְיִרְאָה אֶת־יִיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ. לְטוֹב לֵנוּ כָּל־הַיָּמִים:

רָשָּׁע מָה הוּא אוֹמֵר. מָה הַעֲבֹדֶה הַוֹּאת לֶכֶם. לָכֶם וְלֹא לוֹ. וּלְפִּי שֶׁהוֹצִיא אֶת עַצְמוֹ מִן הַכְּלָל כָּפַר בְּעָקָר. וְאַף אַתָּה הַקְהֵה אֶת־שָׁנִיו וֵאֱמְוֹר לוֹ בְּעַבְוּר זֶה עָשָׂה וְיָ לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרֵיִם. לִי וְלֹא לָךְ. אִלוּ הָיִיָתְ שָׁם. לֹא הָיִיתָ נִנָּאֵל:



The Story of the Oppression



T IS well for all of us whether young or old to consider how God's help has been our unfailing stay and support through ages of trial and persecution. Ever since He called our father Abraham from the bondage of idolatry to His service of truth, He has been our

Guardian; for not in one country alone nor in one age have violent men risen up against us, but in every generation and in every land, tyrants have sought to destroy us; and the Holy One, blessed be He, has delivered us from their hands.

The Torah tells us that when Jacob our father was a homeless wanderer, he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number. All the souls of his household were threescore and ten. And Joseph was already in Egypt; he was the governor over the land. And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Israel dwelt in the land of Goshen; and they got them possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.

And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people: 'Behold, the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us; come, let us deal wisely

הִיא שֶׁעָמְדָה לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְלֵנוּ. שֵׁלֹא אָחָד בִּלְבָד עָמַד עָלֵינוּ לְכַלּוֹתֵינוּ. אֶלָּא שֶׁבְּכָל דּוֹר וְדוֹר עוֹמְדִים עַלֵינו לְכַלוֹתֵינו. וְהַקְּדוֹשׁ בַּרוֹךְ



הוא מצילנו מידם:

אַרַמִּי אֹבֵד אָבִי וַיַּרֶד מִצְרַיְמָה וַיַּנֶר שָׁם בִּמְתֵי מְעָט. כָּל־הַנֶּפֶשׁ לְבִית־יַעֲקָב הַבָּאָה מִצְרַיְמָה שִׁבְעִים. וְיוֹמֵף הָיָה בְמִצְרֵיִם. הוּא הַשַּׁלִיט עַל הָאֶרֶץ. וַיּוֹשֵׁב יוֹסֵף אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֵת־אֵחַיו וַיִּתֵּן לַהֶם אַרָץ בּאֶרֶץ בּאֶרֶץ בּאָרָת. וַיְשֶׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל בּאֶרֶץ ּנְשֶׁן. וַיְהִי־שָׁם לְגוֹי נָדוֹל עַצוּם וַרַב.

וַיָּקָם מֶלֶךְ־חָדָשׁ עַל־מִצְרֵיִם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָדַע אֶת־ יוֹסֵף. וַיְּאמֶר אֶל־עַמוֹ הָנֵה עַם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל רַב וְעָצוּם מִמֶּנוּ. הֶבָה נְתְחַכְּמֶה לוֹ פֶּן־יִרְבֶּה וְהָיָה

with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that when there befalleth us any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land'. Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more the Egyptians afflicted them, the more the Israelites multiplied and the more they spread abroad.

And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us cruel bondage. And we cried unto the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression. And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and with wonders. He sent before us Moses and Aaron and Miriam. And He brought forth His people with joy, His chosen ones with singing. And He guided them in the wilderness, as a shepherd his flock.

Therefore He commanded us to observe the Passover in its season, from year to year, that His law shall be in our mouths, and that we shall declare His might unto our children, His salvation to all generations.

All read in unison:

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the mighty? Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.



וַיָּבְעוּ אֹחֶנוּ הַמִּצְרִים וַיִעַנּוּנוּ וַיִּחְנוּ עֻבֹינוּ עֲבֹדָה קשָׁה. וַנִּצְעַק אֶל־יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ וַיִּשְׁמַע יִיָּ אֶת־ קֹבְנוּ וַיַּרְא אֶת־עָנְיֵנוּ וְאֶת־עַמְלֵנוּ וְאֶת־לַחֲצֵנוּ. וַיּוֹצִיאֵנוּ יִיָּ מִמִּצְרֵים בְּיָד חֲוָקָה וּבִוְרְעַ נְטוּיָה וּבְמֹרָא נָּדֹל וּבְאֹתוֹת וּבְקֹפְּתִים. וַיִּשְׁלַח לְפָנֵינוּ אֶת משֶׁה אַהַרֹן וּמִרְיָם. וַיּוֹצִא עַמוֹ בְשָׁשׁוֹן בְּרָנָה אֶת־ בְּחִירָיוּ. וַיִּנְהַגֵּם בַּמִּדְבָּר כִּרעֵה עֵדְרוֹ.

וַיְצַגֵּנוּ לַצֵשְּוֹת אֶת־הַפֶּסַח לְזִכָּרוֹן בְּמִוֹעֲדְוֹ מִיָמִים יָמִימָה. לְמַעַן תִּהְיֶה תּוֹרָתוֹ בְּפִינוּ וּלְמַעַן נַגִּיד נְבוּרָתוֹ לְבָנֵינוּ. יְשִׁוּעָתְוֹ לְדוֹר וָדוֹר.

All read in unison:

מִי־כָּמְכָה בָּאֵלֶם יְיָ מִי כָּמְכָה נָאְדָּר בַּקְּדֶשׁ נוֹרָא תְהַלֹת עָשֵׁה־פֶּלֶא. יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לִעְלָם וָעֵד.





Dayenu

The company repeats the refrain "Dayenu" which is equivalent to "It would have satisfied us".

How manifold are the favors which God has conferred upon us!



AD HE brought us out of Egypt, and not divided the sea for us,

Dayenu!



AD HE divided the sea, and not permitted us to cross on dry land,

Dayenu!



AD HE permitted us to cross the sea on dry land, and not sustained us for forty years in the desert,

Dayenu!



AD HE sustained us for forty years in the desert, and not fed us with manna,

Dayenu!



בַּמָּה מַעֲלְוֹת טוֹבוֹת לַמְּקוֹם עָלֵינוּ:

וֹ הְוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרֵים.



ילא קרע לֵנוּ אֶת הַיָּם. דַּיְנוּ:

לו קרע לנו אֶת הַיָּם.



וְלֹא הֶעֶבִירֶנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶּחֲרָבֶה דַּיֵנוּ:

לו הֶעֶבִירֵנוּ בְּתוֹכוֹ בֶּחֲרָבֵה.



וְלֹא סִפַּק צְרְבֵּנוּ בַמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעים

נָה דַיֵּנוּ:



לוּ סִפֵּק צְרְבֵנוּ בַמִּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה

דַינו:







AD HE fed us with manna, and not ordained the Sabbath,



AD HE ordained the Sabbath, and not brought us to Mount Sinai, Dayenu!



AD HE brought us to Mount Sinai, and not given us the Torah, Davenu!



AD HE given us the Torah, and not led us into the Land of Israel, Dayenu!



AD HE led us into the Land of Israel, and not built for us the Temple, Dayenu!



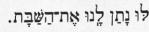
AD HE built for us the Temple, and not sent us prophets of truth, Dayenu!



AD HE sent us prophets of truth, and not made us a holy people,



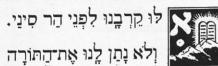
לוּ הָאֶכִילֵנוּ אֶת־הַמָּן. וְלֹא נָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־הַשַּׁבְּת.





לוּ נָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־הַשֵּׁבָּת. וְלֹא קֵרְבָנוּ לִפְנֵי הַר סִינִי

דַינו:



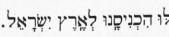


דַיְנוּ:

לוּ נָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה.

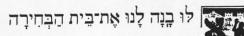


וְלֹא הִכְנִיםֶנוּ לְאֱרֶץ יִשֹּׁרָאֵל דַיִנוּ:



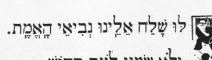


לוּ הִכְנִיסֵנוּ לְאֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְלֹא בֶנָה לֵנוּ אֶת־בֵּית הַבְּחִירָה





וְלֹא שָׁלַח אֵלֵינוּ נְבִיאֵי הָאֱמֶת.



ָוְלֹא שָּׁמֶנוּ לְעַם קָדושׁ.

How much more then are we to be grateful unto the Lord for the manifold favors which He has bestowed upon us! He brought us out of Egypt, divided the Red Sea for us, permitted us to cross on dry land, sustained us for forty years in the desert, fed us with manna, ordained the Sabbath, brought us to Mount Sinai, gave us the Torah, led us into the Land of Israel, built for us the Temple, sent unto us prophets of truth, and made us a holy people to perfect the world under the kingdom of the Almighty, in truth and in righteousness.

על אַחַת כַּמָּה וֹכַמָּה טוֹבָה כְפּוּלָה וּמְכְפֶּלֶת לַמְּמוֹם עָלֵינוּ. שָׁהוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרֵיִם. וְקָרַע לֵנוּ אֶת הַיָּם. וְהֶעֶבִירֵנוּ בְּתוֹכוֹ בָּחֲרָבֶה. וְסִפֵּק צְרְכֵנוּ בִמְּדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה. וְהָאֶכִילֵנוּ אֶת־הַמָּוּ. וְנָתַן לֵנוּ לֵנוּ אֶת־הַמּוֹרָה. וְהַרְנִיםֵנוּ לִפְנִי הַר סִינִי. וְנָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־הַמוֹרָה. וְהִכְנִיםֵנוּ לְאֶרֶץ יִשְּׂרָאֵל. וּבֵנָה לֵנוּ אֶת־בֵּית הַבְּחִירָה. וְשָׁלַח אֵלֵינוּ נְבִיאֵי הָאֱמֶת. וְשָּׁלֵנוּ לְעֵם קָדוֹשׁ לְתַקּן עוֹלָם בְּמַלְכוּת שַׁדִּי בֶּאֶמֶת וֹבְּצְדָקה.



The Passaver Symbols

Should enemies again assail us, the remembrance of the exodus of our fathers from Egypt will never fail to inspire us with new courage, and the symbols of this festival will help to strengthen our faith in God, who redeems the oppressed.

Therefore, Rabban Gamaliel, a noted sage, declared: "Whoever does not well consider the meaning of these three symbols: Pesah, Matzo and Moror, has not truly celebrated this Festival".

PESAH

One of the company asks:

What is the meaning of Pesah?

The leader lifts up the roasted shank-bone and answers:

Pesah means the PASCHAL LAMB, and is symbolized by this shank-bone. It was eaten by our fathers while the Temple was in existence, as a memorial of God's favors, as it is said: "It is the sacrifice of the Lord's PASSOVER, for that He PASSED OVER the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses". As God in the ancient "Watch-Night" passed over and spared the houses of Israel, so did He save us in all kinds of distress, and so may He always shield the afflicted, and for ever remove every trace of bondage from among the children of man.



רַבְּן נַּמְלִיאֵל הָיָה אוֹמֵר. כָּל־שָׁלֹא אָמֵר שְׁלשָׁה דְּבָרִים אֵלוּ בַּפֶּסַח לֹא יָצָא יְדֵי חוֹבָתוֹ. וְאֵלוּ הֵוְ. בֶּסַח. מַצָּה. וּמָרוֹר:

One of the company asks:

פָּסַח שֶׁהָיוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֹכְלִין בְּוְמֵן שֶׁבֵּית הַמְּקְדָשׁ הָיָה קַיָּם עַל־שׁוּם מָה.

The leader lifts up the roasted shank-bone and answers:

פֶּסַח שֶׁהָיוּ אֲבוֹתִינוּ אֹכְלִין בִּוְמַן שֶׁבֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָיָה קַיָּם עַל־שׁוּם שֶׁפֶּסַח הַקּקדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עַל בָּתִי אֲבוֹתִינוּ בְּמִצְרֵים. שֶׁנָּאֶמַר. וְאֲמַרְתֵּם זֶבַח פֶּסַח הוּא לֵיִי אֲשֶׁר פְּסַח עַל־בָּתִי בְנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִצְרֵיִם. וּכְשֵׁם שֶׁנָּאַל הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא אֶת־אֲבוֹתִינוּ מִמִּצְרֵיִם בְּחִפָּזוֹן. כֵּן יָנֵן עָלֵינוּ בְּכָל־יוֹם תְּמִיד. נְּנוֹן וְהִצִיל פָּסוֹתַ וְהִמְלִים: One of the company asks:

What is the meaning of Matzo?

The leader lifts up the Matzo and answers:

Matzo, called THE BREAD OF AFFLICTION, was the hasty provision that our fathers made for their journey, as it is said: "And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt. There was not sufficient time to leaven it, for they were driven out of Egypt and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any provisions." The bread which of necessity they baked unleavened, thus became a symbol of divine help.

MOROR

One of the company asks:

And what is the meaning of MOROR?

The leader lifts up the bitter herbs and answers:

Moror means BITTER HERB. We eat it in order to recall that the lives of our ancestors were embittered by the Egyptians, as we read: 'And they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and in all manner of field labor. Whatever task was imposed upon them, was executed with the utmost rigor." As we eat it in the midst of the festivities of this night, we rejoice in the heroic spirit which trials developed in our people. Instead of becoming embittered by them, they were sustained and strengthened.



One of the company asks:

מַצָה זוּ שֶׁאָנוּ אֹכְלִין עַל־שׁוּם מָה.

The leader lifts up the Matzo and answers:

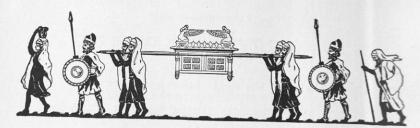
מַצָּה זוּ שָׁאֵנוּ אֹכְלִין עַל שֵׁם שָׁלֹא הִסְפִּיק בְּצַקָם שֶׁל אֲבוֹתִינוּ לְהַחֲמִיץ. עַד שֶׁנִּגְלָה עֲלֵיהָם מֶלֶךְ מַלְכִי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא וּנְאָלָם. שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר. וַיֹּאפּוּ־אֶת־הַבָּצֵק אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וְלֹא עֻנֹת מַצּוֹת כִּי לֹא חָמֵץ כִּי־נְרְשִׁוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וְלֹא יָכְלוּ לְהִתְמַהְמֵהַ וְנִם־צֵּדָה לֹא־עָשׁוּ לָהֶם:

One of the company asks:

מָרוֹר זָה שָׁאָנוּ אֹכְלִין עַל־שׁוּם מַה.

The leader lifts up the Moror and answers:

מָרוֹר זָה שָׁאֵנוּ אֹכְלִין עַל־שׁוּם שָׁמֵּרְרוּ הַמִּצְרִים אֶת חַיֵי אָבוֹתִינוּ בְּמִצְרֵיִם. שֶׁנָּאֶמֶר. וַיְמְרֵרוּ אֶת חַיֵּיהֶם בְּעֲבֹדֶה קִשָּׁה בְּחְמֶר וּבִלְבנִים וּבְכָל עֲבֹדָה בַּשָּׁדָה אֵת כָּל-עַבְּדָתֵם אֲשֶׁר-עֵבְדוּ בָהֶם בְּפֵּרֶך:



The Watch-night of the Eternal



N EVERY generation, each Jew should regard himself as though he too were brought out of Egypt. Not our fathers alone, but us also, did the Holy One redeem; for not alone in Egypt but in many other lands, have we groaned under the burden of affliction

and suffered as victims of malice, ignorance and fanaticism. This very night which we, a happy generation, celebrate so calmly and safely and joyfully in our habitations was often turned into a night of anxiety and of suffering for our people in former times. Cruel mobs were ready to rush upon them and to destroy their homes and the fruit of their labors. But undauntedly they clung to their faith in the ultimate triumph of right and of freedom. Champions of God, they marched from one Egypt into another—driven in haste, their property a prey to the rapacious foe, with their bundles on their shoulders, and God in their hearts.

Because God, "the Guardian of Israel, who sleepeth not nor slumbereth" revealed Himself on that WATCHNIGHT IN EGYPT and in all dark periods of our past, as the Redeemer of the enslaved, we keep this as a WATCH-NIGHT FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, dedicated to God our redeemer.

בְלֹּדּוֹר וָדוֹר חַיָּב אָדָם לְּרְאוֹת אֶת־ עַצְמוֹ כְּאָלוּ הוֹא יָצָא מִמְּצְרֵים. שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר וְהַנַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךְּ בִּיוֹם הַהוֹא באמר בַּעֲבוּר זָה עָשָה יִי לִי בִּצְאתִי



מִמִּצְרֵיִם: לֹא אֶת־אֲבוֹתִינוּ בִּלְבָד נְּאַל הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוֹא. אֶלָא אַף אוֹתֵנוּ נְאַל עִמְּהֶם. שֶׁנֵּאֶמֵר וְאוֹתֵנוּ הוֹצִיא מִשֶּׁם לְמַעַן הָבִיא אוֹתֵנוּ לֵתֶת לְנוּ אֶת־הָאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְּׁבַּע לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ:

All read in unison:

לְפִיכָךְ אֲנַחְנוּ חַיָּבִים לְהוֹדוֹת לְהַלֵּל לְשַׁבֵּחַ לְפָאֵר וֹלְרוֹמֵם לְמִי שֶׁהוֹצִיא אֶת־אֲבֹתִינוּ וְאֹתֵנוּ מֵעֲבְדוּת לְחַרוּת. מִיָּגוֹן לְשִׁמְחָה. וּמֵאֲבֶל לְיוֹם טוֹב. וּמֵאֲפֵלֵה לְאוֹר נָדוֹל. וּמִשְּׁעְבּוּד לִגְּאֻלָּה. וְנֹאמֵר לְפָנִיו הַלְלוּיָה: While enjoying the liberty of this land, let us strive to make secure also our spiritual freedom, that, as the delivered, we may become the deliverer, carrying out Israel's historic task of being the messenger of religion unto all mankind.

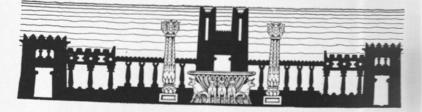
All read in unison:

So it is our duty to thank, praise and glorify God, who brought us and our forefathers from slavery unto freedom, from sorrow unto joy, from mourning unto festive gladness, from darkness unto light. Let us therefore proclaim His praise.



THE EXODUS

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Hallel

PSALM CXIII

Leader:



ALLELUJAH.

Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof The Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, His glory is above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, That is enthroned on high,

That looketh down low Upon heaven and upon earth?

Who raiseth up the poor out of the dust, And lifteth up the needy out of the dunghill;

That He may set him with princes, Even with the princes of His people.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house As a joyful mother of children.

Company:

Hallelujah.





PSALM CXIII*

ַּבְלֵּלוּ עַבְּדֵי יָיָ הַלְּלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְיָ: יָהִי שֵׁם יִיָ מְבֹרָךְ מֵעַתֵּה וְעַד־עוֹלְם: מְמָּוֹרָח־שֶׁמֶשׁ עַד־מְבוֹאוֹ מְהָלָּל



יי:

רָם עַל־כָּל־גּוֹיִם יְיָ עַל הַשָּׁמַיִם כְּבוֹדוֹ: מִי כַיִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַמַּגְבִּיהִי לְשֵׁבֶת: הֶמִּשְׁפִּילִי לִרְאוֹת בַּשָּׁמֵיִם וּבָאֵרֶץ: מְקִימִי מֵעָפֵּר דָּל מֵאַשְּׁפְּוֹת יָרִים אֶבְיוֹן: לְהְוֹשִׁיבִי עִם־נְדִיבִים עם נְדִיבֵי עַמּוֹ: מְוֹשִׁיבִי עֲהֶרֶת הַבִּיִת אֱם־הַבָּנִים שְּׂמֵחָה הַלֹּלוּיֵה:

*) Psalms CXIII and CXIV may be sung to the music on the following pages.





PSALM CXIV

Leader:



HEN Israel came forth out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

The sea saw it, and fled;

The Jordan turned backward.

Company;

The mountains skipped like rams, The hills like young sheep.

Leader:

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest? Thou Jordan, that thou turnest backward?

Company:

Ye mountains that ye skip like rams; Ye hills, like young sheep?

Leader:

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob;

Company:

Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.





SALM CXIV

צַאת וְשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרֵיִם בֵּית יַעַקְב

מַעַם לעו:

זְשְׂרָאֵל יְשְׂרָאֵל לְקָרְשׁוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל

מַמְשְׁלוֹתָיו:

:הַיָּם רָאָה וַיָּנֹס הַיַּרְדֵּן יִפֹּב לְאָחוֹר:

הָהָרִים רָקְדוּ כְאֵילִים נְּבָעוֹת כִּבְנֵי־צֹאן:

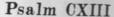
מַה־לְּדְּ הַיָּם כִּי תָנוּס הַיַּרְדֶן תִּפֹב לְאָחוֹר:

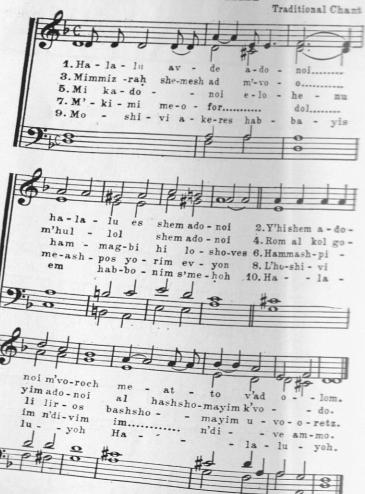
הָהָרִים תִּרְקְדוּ כְאֵילִים נְבָעוֹת כִּבְנֵי־צֹאן:

מַלּפְנֵי אָרוֹן חְוּלִי אֶרֶץ מִלּפְנִי אֶלְוֹהַ יַעַקֹב:

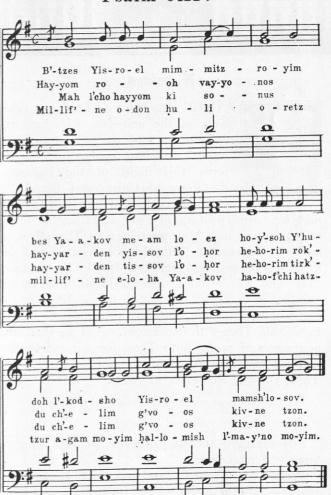
הַהְפְּכִי הַצוּר אֲנִם־מֵיִם חַלְּמִישׁ לְמַעִינוֹ־מֵיִם:







Psalm CXIV





Blessings



RAISED art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast redeemed us and our ancestors from Egypt, and hast enabled us to observe this night of the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread. O Lord our God and God of our fathers,

may we, with Thy help, live to celebrate other feasts and holy seasons. May we rejoice in Thy salvation and be gladdened by Thy righteousness. Grant deliverance to mankind through Israel, Thy people. May Thy will be done through Jacob, Thy chosen servant, so that Thy name shall be sanctified in the midst of all the earth, and that all peoples be moved to worship Thee with one accord. And we shall sing new songs of praise unto Thee, for our redemption and for the deliverance of our souls. Praised art Thou, O God, Redeemer of Israel.

The cups are filled for the second time.

All read in unison:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM BORE P'RI HAGGOFEN.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine.

Drink the second cup of wine.

רוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הֵעוֹלֵם. אֲשֶׁר נְּאָלֵנוּ וְנָאַל אֶת־אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם. וְהִנִּיעֵנוּ הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה לֵאֶכָל־בְּוֹ מַצְּה וּמְרוֹר. כֵּן יְיָ



אֶלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אָבוֹתִינוּ יַנִּיעֵנוּ לְמְוֹעֲדִים וְלִרְנָלִים אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אָבוֹתִינוּ יַנִּיעֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם. שְּמֵחִים בִּישִׁוּעָהֶדּ. וְשָׁשִׁים בְּצִדְקָתֶדְּ. וְנִוְכֶּה לִרְאוֹת בִּישִׁוּעָהְדּ. וְשָׁשִׁים בְּצִדְקָתֶדְּ. וְתָכְּצִדְּ יִצְלַח בְּיִנְלְוֹת וְרְעַךְּ עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמֶּדְ. וְתָכְּצִדְּ יִצְלַח בְּיִרְ עַבְּדְּדְּ בְחִירֶדְ. יִתְכַדִּשׁ שִׁמְדְּ בְּתוֹדְ בְּתוֹדְ בָּלְ הָאֶרֶץ. וְיַעַבְּדְוּךְ עַמִּים שְׁכֶם אָחָד. וְנְוֹדֶה־לְּךְ כִּל הָאֶרֶץ. וְיַעַבְדְוּךְ עַמִּים שְׁכֶם אָחָד. וְנְוֹדֶה־לְךְ שִׁיִר חָדָשׁ עַלּינְּאָלְתֵנוּ וְעַל פְּדוֹת נַפְשֵׁנוּ: בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יִי. נַאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל:

The cups are filled for the second time.

All read in unison:

בּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הֵעוֹלֵם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפָן:

Drink the second cup of wine.

מוציא, מצה .5

The upper Matzo is broken and distributed. All then read in unison:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM HAMOTZI LEHEM MIN HO'ORETZ.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth.

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM ASHER KIDD'SHONU B'MITZVOSOV V'TZIVONU AL ACHILAS MATZO.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us through Thy commandments, and ordained that we should eat unleavened bread.

Eat the Matzo.

כורד, מרור .6

Each person receives some bitter herbs and haroses, which he places between two pieces of matzo. The leader then reads:

This was the practice of Hillel, at the time the Temple was still in existence. He combined the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs and ate them together, to carry out the injunction concerning the Passover sacrifice: "With unleavened bread and with bitter herbs, they shall eat it."

All read in unison:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM ASHER KIDD'SHONU B'MITZVOSOV V'TZIVONU AL ACHILAS MOROR.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and ordained that we should eat bitter herbs.

Eat'the Moror.



מוציא, מצה .5

The upper Matzo is broken and distributed. All then read in unison:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם. הַמּוֹצִיא לחם מו־הארץ:

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָּ. אֵלהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלֶם. אַשֶּׁר קִּדְשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצְוֵנוּ עַל־אַכִילַת מַצַה:

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Each person receives some bitter herbs and haroses which he places between two pieces of matzo. The leader then reads:

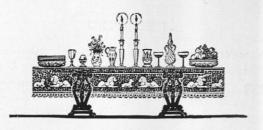
בו עשה הגל בּוִמַן שַבִּית הַמַּקְדַשׁ הַיָה קים. הָיָה כּוֹרֵךְ מַצָּה וּמָרוֹר וְאוֹכֵל בְּיָחַד. לִקַיֵם מַה שֶׁנֶאֱמֶר עַל־מַצוֹת וּמְרוֹרִים יֹאַכְלְהוּ:

All read in unison:

בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלֵם. אשר קדשנוּ בִּמְצִוֹתִיו וִצְוֵנוּ עַל־אֲכִילַת מַרוֹר:

Eat the Moror.





קלְחָן עוֹרֵךְ 7.

SUPPER IS SERVED.

אָפון .8

Partake of the Aphikomon.

At the conclusion of the meal, the children are given an opportunity to find the Aphikomon. The reader redeems it and distributes pieces of it to all present.

After partaking of the Aphikomon, it is customary to eat nothing else.

B. After the Meal

